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The editorial team
would like to wish
all readers a very
Happy Christmas.
Thank you all for
your support over
the past year and
we look forward to
bringing you all our
local village news in
the New Year!

Harvest Supper Celebration



On 17th October over 40 people met at the Rectory Hall for the annual Harvest Supper celebrations. The hall looked splendid with its new curtains and the tables had all been laid out beautifully with tablecloths and decorations.

Rev'd Rob Binks said Grace before we all went up table by table to select a hearty plateful of delicious casserole, curry, vegetables rice and potatoes - all made by generous cooks from our village and Church community.

The main course was followed by some lovely desserts and everyone said how much they had enjoyed the meal.

The evening's entertainment was provided by Helen Burgess who accompanied us with her keyboard playing as we sang popular songs and hymns. Well done Helen for offering to do this at the last minute. All in all a most enjoyable evening!

Liz Francis

VILLAGE NEWS

Warley Place Logs

Logs are available from Warley Place at very reasonable prices. They are prepared and transported to the car park and labelled for you by volunteers on Mondays. They need to be ordered before a Monday and you will need to collect them before the following Monday, so that the space is then available for the next customer. All the wood is from trees cut down at least one year ago, so it is well seasoned. Last winter £1220 worth of logs from Warley Place were sold, and this money goes to the Essex Wildlife Trust. Please contact Fiona on 230436 or email fionaagassiz@hotmail.com if you are interested in purchasing some of these logs.

Conservation Society News

The Autumn meeting took place at the Rectory Hall on the evening of 22nd October and was preceded by a presentation of the proposals for redevelopment of the Old Pump House by the owners and architects. We were pleased to welcome Cllrs Tee and Hubbard. Other issues discussed included the Old Forge fence, M25 signage, Leverton/Boyles Court, haybarn @ rear of Old Rectory Cottage, Headley Common parking, building work at The Hermitage and the worrying use of scramble and quad bikes at high speed on local roads, paths and bridleways. Subsequently we understand that work will soon begin to replace the damaged chicane sign at The Thatchers bend and Essex County Council have been asked by Cllr David Kendall to undertake a speed survey on Warley Road in the 30mph zone (similar surveys were done recently on Warley Street and in the 40mph stretch of Warley Road.) A replacement bus stop is being provided by Headley Common (funded by Bellway as part of their Section 106 obligations.)

Cllr Hubbard was thanked for highlighting the community grant opportunity that has so greatly assisted the Rectory Hall refurbishment work.

The evening ended with a glass of wine for everyone and time for convivial chat.

Please note - there are over 20 people who have unpaid subs which need to be paid to Len asap.

Please also let Linda know if you will be joining us at the Christmas Party at the Rectory Hall on Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm.

The GWCS team is:-

Chair - Phil Smith - 226077

Sec - Linda Beaney - 231265

Vice Chair - Lawrie Grundy - 200093

Treasurer & Membership - Len Fryatt - 220206

WI

The November meeting of Great and Little Warley WI began with the sad announcement of the passing of Betty Rees—a long serving member of the Wi. Eileen Saunders

(daughter of member Iris) then gave the group a demonstration on making Christmas wreaths. Then it was the members turn to have a try and some lovely results were achieved from the holly, berries, ribbons, decorations and other snippings from the garden which Eileen had brought along.

The December meeting will be at the Marygreen Manor. We would like to wish a Happy Christmas to all readers and a peaceful New Year.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Jenny 01277 220085.

Brentwood Community Print

Once again we would like to thank the staff at Brentwood Community Print who produce our newsletter in rapid time and to such a high quality. They can be contacted on 01277 849021 - speak to Tim or Tony. Their email is info@brentwoodcommunityprint.org.uk. The Keys, Eagle Way, Warley CM133BP

10 Downing Street Reception

I am very proud to be Vice Chair and a Trustee of the charity 'Revitalise'. Founded as The Winged Fellowship over 50 years ago we provide nurse led respite breaks and holidays for severely disabled adults and, uniquely, their carers too, if required. Nearly 5,000 breaks are taken every year and we have the largest youth volunteer programme in the Country. Samantha Cameron has been a Patron for a few years now and is very active and enthusiastic about our work. She visited our local centre, Jubilee Lodge at Chigwell over a year ago and then asked how else she could help us. As a consequence she hosted a reception at 10 Downing Street last month which enabled us to thank our existing major donors and help raise our profile with future potential supporters. I have committed to help Revitalise drive a capital campaign to ensure that the half million people in the UK who could benefit from our service can do so in the future by being no more than a two hour drive away. It is a daunting task but we have made good progress and are currently in negotiation to progress potential sites in Worcestershire.

I must say that whilst we regularly hold fund raising events and presentations and were pleased to be able to use the House of Lords last year, the unique and privileged venue of Number 10 definitely proved a big draw. Mrs Cameron has experienced first hand the challenge of having a disabled loved one with the issues the family faced with their son Ivan. Consequently she is very empathetic and understanding of so many issues families face. She spoke knowledgeably about what we do and how important it is that our guests, who tell us that it is not just the care that they receive whilst with us, nor the chance to get out and about but what happens between people. Relationships come

alive. Our guests are no longer "cared for" and "carer" but father and daughter, husband and wife – one human being with another. During the presentation and reception we were able to stress that time away is part of being well, of having healthy relationships. Too long without a break can so easily put this into crisis. By giving our guests proper supported holidays we can enable their carers to take a crucial break too – a break from the daily routine of giving care, from the label of "carer", from the feelings of guilt at handing over the care of their loved one to others. Being at Number 10 was, quite apart from the positive impact on our work the evening has had, an exciting experience. Climbing the staircase where portraits of past Prime Ministers hang, I had a remarkable sense that never has a day gone by when something of major influence or importance in World affairs has not been reflected or acted upon under that roof. I was prepared for grandeur but it is interesting to see that, whilst it is kept in pristine order, it has probably not been redecorated for many years. Of course spending public money in that way would hardly reflect well on any politician at a time of recession and hardship. Even if the decor is very slightly jaded, one cannot help but be impressed by the wonderful art works that adorn every wall, nook and cranny. Everywhere there are Turners, Constables, Whistlers, Hepworths and Moores. Not to mention two striking black and white photographs of The Queen in a side corridor at the top of the main staircase. Caught at very relaxed moments of fun and laughter and taken to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee I assume they are by a British photographer.

So it was altogether a very privileged and unique experience. But nowhere near as privileged as being involved with the wonderful work Revitalise does.

Linda Beaney

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

| Date | Time | Service |
|-------------|--------------------|--|
| 6 December | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| 13 December | 8.00am 11.00am | Holy Communion Holy Communion |
| 20 December | 11.00am 5.30pm | Morning Prayer Candlelit Carol Service |
| 24 December | 5.30pm 11.30pm | Christingle Service Midnight Holy Communion |
| 25 December | 10.30am | NO SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S Holy Communion at Christ Church |
| 27 December | 11:00am | Morning Prayer |
| 3 January | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| 10 January | 8.00 am 11.00am | Holy Communion Holy Communion |
| 17 January | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| 24 January | 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 31 January | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |

Remembrance Sunday

About 100 people attended the Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary's this year – the largest congregation for several years. It was very pleasing to have so many cadets with us, and we thank them for their attendance.

The 18 cadets were led by Lieutenant Colonel Ian Coffin, Deputy Commandant Essex Army Cadet Force; Lieutenant Gary Buckell, Detachment Commander, Warley Troop, Essex Army Cadet Force; Staff Sergeant Sophie Galley; Sergeant Gene Morris; Cadet Corporal Wyles, Cadet Lance Corporal Roberts, and Cadet Lance Corporal Kendal.

The Remembrance Sunday service was led by Rev. Rob Binks, and the names of the fallen were read out in church by David Wellings. The two minutes silence was observed at 11.00am exactly.

After the church service the cadets walked up to our war memorial on the village green, with many of the congregation following behind, either on foot or by car. A short service was held there, and

the wreath was laid by Cadet Morris C. A hymn was sung, and this was accompanied by Colin Hawkins on his accordion.

This was an impressive occasion, luckily held in dry weather after three days of rain.

Decorating St Mary's

Join us from 10am on 19th December to decorate the tree, arrange candles and light up the tree and crib. All ages welcome.

Carol Singing at the Squirrels Care Home

Come along to join in with carol singing at the Squirrels Nursing Home, Warley Road on 22nd December 3.30 pm. Please do join us for a good sing song.

Candlelit Carol Service

Please also come along to our wonderful candlelit carol service at St. Mary's on 20 December from 5.30pm. See our beautiful Church and all its decorations and join with us singing some lovely carols.

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St Mary the Virgin, Great Warley

**Saturday 19th December 2015
7.30 pm**

Tickets, including a glass of wine, £5.00, available from 01277 227557 or on the door

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| Clergy | Robert Binks | 01277 220428 | Rob.binks@me.com |
| Church wardens: | Helen Burgess | 01277 227557 | Helen.burgess1@gmail.com |
| | David Hawthorne | 01245 329284 | David@hawthorne.myzen.co.uk |
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| Church Address | St Mary The Virgin | Great Warley Street | CM13 3JP |

LOCAL NEWS

Refurbishment of the Old Rectory Hall

Following the recent award of the grant from Brentwood Council, we are moving ahead with work at the Rectory Hall. We are in discussion with suppliers and fitters for the boarding over of the floor, carpet and new cupboard, and work is continuing on the new toilet area. We are still looking for help with the next phase of painting as we want to get all that done before the new carpet is laid. Hopefully the bulk of work will be carried out over the Christmas break so that our hirers can return to a new floor for the New Year! Please contact Liz or Helen if you can assist us in helping out in any way at all with the Hall or if you know someone or a local group who may be interested to hire it.

Liz Francis

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All the children made great efforts with their costumes and eagerly bought the cakes, resulting in a total of over £400 raised, which for a small school like ours is really impressive.



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Telephone No. 01277 227152

DIARY DATES AND READERS LETTERS

Dates for your Diary

December:

4 Friday 10-12:

Sewing Bee at Rectory Hall

8 Tuesday 2pm:

WI at Childerditch Village Hall

9 Wednesday 1pm:

Ladies Christmas Lunch at Masons. Call Pat 220206

10 Thursday 7.30pm:

GWCS Christmas Party at the Rectory Hall. Please call Linda 01277 231265

19 Saturday 10am:

Decorating St Mary's for Christmas.

19 Saturday 7.30pm:

Times and Seasons concert at St Mary's. Tickets from Helen - 01277 227557 or on the door.

22 Tuesday 3.30pm:

Carol singing at the Squirrels Care Home, Warley Road

January:

8 Friday 10-12:

Sewing Bee at Rectory Hall

12 Tuesday 2pm:

WI at Childerditch Village Hall

Readers Letters

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'

- Lillian Carter (mother of *Jimmy Carter*)

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I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

- Eleanor Roosevelt

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Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

- Mark Twain

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The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

- George Burns

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Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

- Victor Borge

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Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

- Mark Twain

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By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher

- Socrates

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I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

- Groucho Marx

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My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

- Jimmy Durante

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I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

- Zsa Zsa Gabor

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Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

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Money can't buy you happiness But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

- Spike Milligan

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I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

- Bob Hope

Barbara James

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND READERS LETTERS

Announcements

Wedding Blessing

2nd October - Rob Hope and Carol Hegarty

Baptism

18th October - Harry Coleman (additional God parents)

Confirmation

18th November - Carol Sharp (shown below with husband Alan, daughter Tamsin and Bishop John)



Burials

16th November - Paul Dipper

Interment of Ashes

22nd November - John Young

27th November - Alice Perry, mother of Bev Fenton

Readers Letters

Warley Cricket Club

If anyone is looking for a hall to hire for birthday parties or family celebrations with a good outdoor space, please bear in mind the Cricket Pavilion in Warley Road. For more information on hiring the venue please contact Jon Huxtable on 077867 805195.

Liz Francis



Indian Cookery Classes

The UK's love affair with Indian cuisine shows no signs of abating. And why would it? Who can resist a spicy curry, comforting dhal, or fragrant chutney? Take a class and soon you'll be cooking authentic Indian food quicker than you can say 'chapati'.

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With over 15 years experience, Ami is an expert at teaching you how to prepare unfussy, nutritious Indian cooking. Her cookery classes include Indian vegetarian cooking, easy Indian curries and stylish Indian in minutes. Ami offers bespoke classes for groups and one-to-one classes.

One day Indian Cooking courses for different abilities. Ami teaches the basics of Indian cooking which will enable you to make a range of exceptional Indian dishes to impress friends

and family. The 'Advanced Indian' course teaches more intricate techniques and a range of Indian banquet dishes.

Ami grew up in India and is passionate about Indian cuisine. Her recipes are suitable for people wanting to discover a contemporary approach to Indian cooking. She conducts curry evenings, showcasing how easy it is to cook Indian recipes that are full of flavour. Classes include starters and main courses, using fresh ingredients and ground spices, vegetarian meals and regional fare.

Ami's passion for photography means you will always be going home with lots of lovely photos to show your family and friends.

The best part about cooking with Ami is it won't be all serious there will be fun approach towards cooking.

Classes can be private or on a group basis but groups are small. Menus include curry in a hurry and dinner party delights. Cost from £50 each for a group class; from £100 for a half day private class.



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